Appl. No. 09/996,555 Atty. Docket No. 8341 Amdt. Dated July 14, 2003 Reply to Office Action of 3/12/2003 Customer No. 27752

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.

: 09/996,555

Applicant(s)

: Gregory P. Dittmar, et al.

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Title

: Pharmaceutical Dosage Form with Multiple Coatings for Reduced

Impact of Coating Fractures

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: Blessing Fubara

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REPLY AFTER 1ST OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(b)

Mail Stop Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action with a mailing date of March 12, 2003, which provides a 3-month period for response and thus a due date of June 12, 2003. Applicants request a 1-month extension of time, providing for a timely response up to and including July 14, 2003 (July 12, 2003 falls on a Saturday). Please charge any necessary fees to Assignee's Deposit Account 16-1480.

07/17/2003 TSUGGS

00000006 162480 09996555 Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the following

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110,00 DA amendments and accompanying remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.